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For: METHODS FOR ISOLATING BIPOTENT PROGENITOR CELLS

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Hon. Assistant Commissioner
for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2002, for the above-identified application, the period for response having been extended for three-months to July 3, 2002, by payment of the appropriate fees and a Petition for Extension of Time being filed concurrently herewith, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please delete claims 25 and ~~26~~ without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please enter the following rewritten claims:

B' sup B1) 1. (Amended) A composition comprising bipotent hepatic progenitors which express at least one intercellular adhesion molecule (ICAM) antigen and do not express